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SUBJECT: RAFAEL GONZALEZ VERDUGO

1. ITALIAN CHARGE TAMAGNINI CALLED ON ME TODAY WITH RESPECT TO THIS CASE. HE SAID THAT THEIR MAN IN SANTIAGO HAD REPORTED AN APPARENT SOFTENING OF THE CHILEAN POSITION AGAINST ALLOWING GONZALEZ AND HIS FAMILY TO DEPART. TAMAGNINI ASKED IF WE WOULD SUPPORT AN ITALIAN DEMARCHE ON THE SUBJECT OR MAKE ONE OF OUR OWN. HE ALSO ASKED THAT WE SUPPORT THE PARALLEL ITALIAN EFFORT TO ENLIST CARDINAL SILVA'S HELP.

2. I TOLD TAMAGNINI THAT OUR INTEREST IN OBTAINING A SAFE CONDUCT FOR GONZALEZ REMAINS STRONG, BUT THAT I WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT YOU ON WHETHER, IN LIGHT OF THE HORMAN-CASE ASPECT, A U.S. APPROACH AT THIS TIME WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. PERHAPS YOU COULD TALK TO THE ITALIANS THERE AND GIVE ME YOUR BEST JUDGMENT.
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